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HOUSE BILL NO. 1022

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES (50).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 571, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to liability for prohibiting concealed firearms on business premises.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 571, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 571.124, to read as follows:

571.124. 1. Any private business that displays signage which prohibits public invitees, business visitors, and employees from carrying a concealed weapon on the premises owned or occupied by such private business shall be liable for any injury or damages incurred by such public invitees, business visitors, and employees as a result of such prohibition if such public invitee, business visitor, or employee establishes by a preponderance of evidence that having access to a firearm may have prevented his or her injury or damage.

2. Any private business that does not prohibit public invitees, business visitors, and employees from carrying a concealed weapon on the premises owned or occupied by such private business shall be immune from any liability arising from its decision to permit concealed weapons to be carried on business premises.

3. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Business visitor", a person who is invited to enter and remain on a premises for a purpose directly or indirectly connected with business dealings with the possessor of such premises;

(2) "Public invitee", a person invited to enter and remain on the premises as a member of the public for a purpose for which the premises is held open to the public.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.